



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: On September 2, 2009, a Lincoln man was sentenced to 11 years (132 months) in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the Lincoln area over approximately a three-year time period. Information provided to law enforcement indicated that Mark Rublee was responsible for the distribution of between approximately 18 ounces and three pounds of methamphetamine between January of 2006 and February of 2009. In February of 2009, a confidential informant working with the Nebraska State Patrol bought methamphetamine from Rublee. Following the prison term, Rublee will serve five years on supervised release. He was also ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Name of Defendant: Mark Steven Rublee

AKA:

Age: 47

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any term of imprisonment, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Rublee was found responsible for at least 500 grams (approximately 18 ounces) but less than 1.5 kilograms (approximately three pounds) of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: none

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Count I: Between on or about January 1, 2006, and February 20, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: March 24, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: March 20, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: March 26, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Rublee pled guilty on June 9, 2009

Sentencing Date: September 2, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: none

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: March 24, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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